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PROTEIN FOR TREATING TNF-MEDIATED
DISEASES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 1, line 3, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/326,394 filed June 4, 1999, which is a continuation of PCT/US97/22733, filed December 8, 1997, which claims benefit to U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/032,587, filed December 6, 1996, U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/036,355, filed January 23, 1997, U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/039,315, filed February 7, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/052,023, filed July 9, 1997, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-26 and insert the following new claims:

27. The method of treatment of an acute or chronic inflammatory disease of Claim 1, which comprises administering a TNF binding protein in combination with the prior, concurrent, or post-administration of a COX2 inhibitor.
28. The method of treatment according to claim 27, wherein the COX2 inhibitor is celecoxib.

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